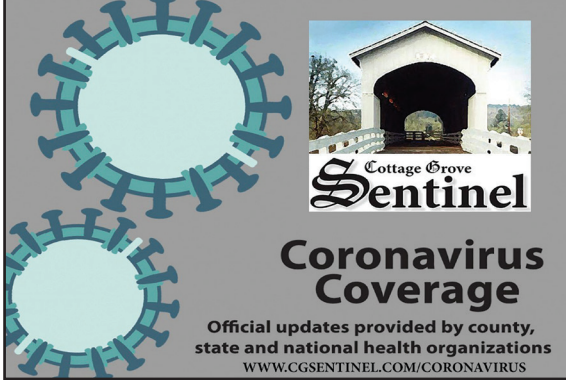


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## City reaches end of COVID relief allocation

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Federal financial aid for addressing the pandemic has about dried up for the City of Cottage Grove. The passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act last year established a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide assistance for state, local, and tribal govern-

ments. Cottage Grove was allocated \$328,944 in relief funds and is currently finalizing its last request for reimbursement. The CARES Act requires that the payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund only be used to cover expenses that: are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; were not

accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the state or government; and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on Dec. 31, 2021. A Dec. 30, 2020 deadline for spending had previously been established, but was recently extended to the end of 2021.

Cottage Grove can seek reimbursement for any qualifying expenditures since March 1, 2020 and is making a final request for the last of its allocated resources. In deciding on strategies for spending, City Manager Richard Meyers said the city focused on finding investments which could continue their benefits beyond a

See **FUND 5A**



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Construction on the Gateway Boulevard plot is preparing the site for a 40-unit, four-building cluster of multifamily units.

## ‘Gateway’ to more housing proposed

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Recent construction work has kicked up some dust on Gateway Boulevard, leaving many in the community to speculate on the development. The nearly two-acre lot, nes-

tled between the boulevard and Row River Trail, has been largely upturned as a result of the excavation, leaving little to resemble the previously undeveloped, lightly forested plot. The site is undergoing preparation for a proposed 40-unit complex, a four-building cluster

of multifamily units consisting of two eight-unit, two-story buildings and two 12-unit three-story buildings. “Conveniently located within walking distance of three shopping centers, the post office, bus stops and city parks, this will be an ideal location for city living,” states the

proposal from JDL Construction, which is managing the project. The project description includes landscaping throughout the site, open space areas with picnic tables and barbeque facilities at the rear of the project to provide occupants

See **GATEWAY 7A**

## City Council to vote on SDC methodology amendment

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The Cottage Grove City Council is set to vote on a change to the city’s system development charges (SDC) methodology in its upcoming Jan. 25 regular session. The amendment to city code will incorporate meter size as a factor in calculating fees.

In 2011, the Cottage Grove City Council adopted a methodology for calculating SDCs for water and sewer, which authorized calculations to be based both upon fixture count and meter size. However, at the time, the council incorporated only the fixture count methodology into municipal code as its rule for calculating water and sewer SDCs for all developments.

A system development charge is a one-time fee imposed on new or some types of re-development at the time of development. The fee is intended to recover a fair share of the cost of additional capacity street, sewer, water, storm drainage and park facilities and for providing a fair share of the city’s cost responsibility for public improvements. Oregon Revised Statute defines

an SDC as the sum of two components: a reimbursement fee, designed to recover costs associated with capital improvements already constructed or under construction; and an improvement fee, designed to recover costs associated with capital improvements to be constructed in the future. In order to maintain equity

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